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FOR AF - ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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1. MISS LILLIAN'S 10 THANK-YOU LETTERS WERE ALL
WRITTEN IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE DELEGATION, BUT SINCE YOU
WERE THE CHIEF OF THE GROUP IN MOPTI, I THOUGHT A MESSAGE
FROM YOU TO THE GOVERNOR WOULD BE IN ORDER. BY LETTER TO
HIM OF AUGUST 11, I ENCLOSED A LETTER FROM YOU WHICH I SAID
I HAD RECEIVED "BY TELEGRAM." THE TEXT WAS AS FOLLOWS:

2. "HIS EXCELLENCY
MAJOR AMARA DANFAGA
GOVERNOR OF THE FIFTH REGION
MOPTI, REPUBLIC OF MALI

"DEAR GOVERNOR DANFAGA:
" I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR SPLENDID
HOSPITALITY TO OUR DELEGATION ON OUR VISIT TO MOPTI
ON AUGUST 1, 1978.
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"MRS. LILLIAN CARTER, MOTHER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, HAS WRITTEN YOU OF HER DEEP REGRET AT
MISSING THE STOP IN MOPTI. SHE WAS KEENLY DISAPPOINTED.
"THOSE OF US WHO DID REACH YOUR FASCINATING AND BEAUTI-
FUL CITY WERE GIVEN AN OVERWHELMING WELCOME. WE WERE
TREATED TO A SUMPTUOUS BANQUET, DAZZLING TRADITIONAL

DANCES, MODERN AND ANCIENT MUSIC, AND THEN MORE
HOSPITALITY WHEN BAD WEATHER IN BAMAKO REQUIRED OUR
STAYING IN MOPTI OVERNIGHT.

" I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK OF THE REGIONAL
UNION OF MALIAN WOMEN, AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE DYNAMIC AC
GRACIOUS MRS. DANFAGA, AND ENCOURAGED BY THEIR EFFORTS
FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

" I APPRECIATED YOUR ARRANGING THE BRIEFINGS ON DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS WHEN OUR SOJOURN WAS UNEXPECTEDLY PRO-
LONGED, AND MOST ESPECIALLY I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE FUNDAMENTAL
PRINCIPLES OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA
AND THE PROSPECTS OF INCREASINGLY FRUITFUL COOPERATION
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

" WITH MY THANKS AGAIN AND VERY BEST WISHES."
SINCERELY,
RICHARD M. MOOSE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

WE ALSO PROVIDED AN OFFICIAL FRENCH TRANSLATION.
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3. ON AUGUST 8 I HAD WRITTEN A SINGLE LETTER OF
THANKS FROM ME TO PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, IN WHICH
I INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IN CONNECTION WITH
HIS CALL ON MISS LILLIAN AT THE RESIDENCE: "MR.
RICHARD MOOSE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AFRICAN
AFFAIRS, WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED AT THE OPPORTUNITY
AFFORDED BY THAT MEETING TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON MALI'S
NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE AND TO PRESENT THE PRINCIPLES
OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S POLICY TOWARD AFRICA IN SUPPORT
OF THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS OF THIS
VAST CONTINENT."

4. I THINK THAT SHOULD DO IT, BUT IF WE HAVE MISSED
SOMETHING, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

5. THANKS FOR PUTTING US ON DISTRICUTION FOR THE
REPORTS OF YOUR REMARKABLE CONVERSATIONS WITH SEKOU
TOURE.

6. BEST REGARDS.
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